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- A group of activist shareholders filed a resolution suggesting Amazon.com Inc. stop sales of its facial recognition software to government agencies until the company's board can determine if the technology infringes on people's civil rights. The resolution, set to be voted on at the company's annual meeting later this year, follows criticism from civil rights groups, including the American Civil Liberties Union and the Project on Government Oversight, that the technology can produce false positives for people with darker skin, making them more likely to be unjustly suspected in criminal investigations. (Bloomberg)
- The ACLU filed a lawsuit alleging that seven government agencies, including

the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Departments of Justice, State and Homeland Security, invested in social media surveillance technology that can "enable the programmatic and sustained tracking" of both U.S. citizens and noncitizens. The lawsuit, filed with the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, claims such technology could lead to disproportionate targeting of racial and religious minorities, along with government policy dissenters. (Axios)

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